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# NEWS ON THE BLOCK

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## *Trip to the Courthouse*

On our trip to the courthouse we learned a lot about black history. We were motivated and thankful for what our ancestors went through to allow us to have freedom. We were amazed at what slaves had to go through and how they were treated. We learned about the underground railroad and that Delaware was once a great democratic state that was split in half. The northern part of Delaware was mostly free and the southern part was mostly slaved owned and had racial problems.

We also learned about the trials that took place inside the court house. The busy court house held trials all day long and held historic events. We learned that the court house was a national land mark. The building held numerous events such as the trial of Thomas Garrett. We learned that he was a great abolitionist who also helped over two hundred slaves to freedom. We also learned that he was fined a large amount and was best friends with Harriet Tubman. The building held all kind of events such as

trials, auctions, marriage licenses, and police evictions for house holds including fines. The great courthouse was a huge dependable building which helped Delaware , Maryland , and part of Pennsylvania.

Marquan



*By DeAndree'*



## Achievement Hard at Work

### How do you Become Achievement?

**To get achievement is hard. You have to work off 300,000 points before you can zero out. To get achievement you need to fill out your**

**treatment work and then give it to your treatment specialist so the team can consider you for achievement. Your school behavior counts towards achievement. If you**

**cooperate with staff, follow directions, accept no, accept consequences, and use self control strategies, SOON YOU WILL BE THAT ACHIEVEMENT!!!!**

## A Typical School Day at Snowden

### SCHOOL DAYS

On a typical day we line up at 9:00 am to begin to walk over to Grace Cottage a program that rehabilitates adolescent girls. We have two classes at Grace Cottage. Each class is about an hour long. In between the two classes we have a break. It lasts fifteen minutes and we usually play foosball or talk and joke. After the break we go to class. The teachers at Grace in the morning are Ms. Jessica, Mrs. Katz, and Mrs. Mcilvain. They're wonderful teachers. Then at 11:30 am we line up for a head count. Then after that we focus up, and we head back over to Snowden Cottage for young men. We wait until food comes which is around

12:00 pm. and then we eat. After we eat, we have break until 1:00 pm. School starts back up at 1:00 pm. We have either Mr. Browne or Mr. Schulte. They both are good teachers and educate us well. The first class is from 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm. We have break from 2:15 pm until 2:30 pm. Then we go back to class at 2:30 pm and have class until 3:30 pm. The classes we take are Art, Math, English, Job Skills, and Life Skills. Something happens different in each class. In English, we read the book "That WAS Then This is Now" and watched the movie. In math, we do work that we need to learn in life to succeed. Art is a fun class you get to draw anything you want. Job Skills is a good

class to prepare you for jobs and work when you get to go home, or get discharged from this program. Life Skills is a class that teaches you how to do the right thing in the real world. When I came into Snowden Cottage we were working on finances and how to manage money. We will need those skills in the future. This is a typical day in education at Grace and Snowden Cottages.

## Snowden Cottage Rules

Snowden Cottage is a place for young men adjudicated for 90 days or less. This program is supervised by Mrs. Guiswite. While you are here in Snowden students are to attend school at all times. Students will have a chance to change their life but if you decide to do the opposite and you do not follow instructions there will be consequences. If residents are constantly getting into trouble they will be put on community

separation. Community separation is when a resident is placed in their room until they talk to a staff about the situation. Residents will be fed three times a day breakfast, lunch, and dinner including a snack before they go to bed. At 9:00 p.m. all residents should be inside their rooms and by 9:30 lights should be off. While at Snowden, residents should learn the norms and their target skills. Residents' rooms will be searched twice a week and if any contraband is found in any resident's room they will receive 25,000

negatives points off their point sheets. While talking to staff you are not to give any feed back at all. Another thing that's not tolerated in Snowden Cottage is horseplay. If students are caught horse playing with another resident staff will take it as a fight and you will probably get extended. By following these rules you will succeed at Snowden Cottage.

# The National Guard Visit

The Delaware National Guard came to visit Grace & Snowden Cottages. They brought all kinds of activities and sporting events. Everyone who participated had to work on their patience and team working skills. We had tournaments in activities such as the log experience, the helium

pole event, and the wooden house. All of these activities were a challenge. The cottages were very determined to accomplish their goals to win. Each group broke up into teams and had to complete each objective. The activities were tiring and also hard, but the outcome when you com-

plete each event as a team will make you feel like you overcame some obstacles in life. The whole experience was great and really helpful to the cottages, they worked on their social and grouping skills. They really enjoyed the visit from the National Guard.

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## Basketball Game

**One day on August 10, 2008 the whole Snowden Cottage went outside for rec. One of the residents came up to me and challenged me to a one on one basketball game. I wasn't going to turn it down. So I laced up my sneakers, tied my shorts and I checked up the ball. The basketball game went up to 12 by 1's. He was making shots and I was making shots. At the end of the game the score was 12 to 6, I won. Then we played**

**another basketball game. This game was kind of good because the game was close. I won the game but it was a great game. The score was 12 to 11. He was making baskets I had to work very hard to win. After all of that we played another game. We were both tired and out of breath but we still played. This game was an ok game because he was good and I was good. In this game, he won by 2 points. I still won the most**

games. Then we went in for showers.

William

By William

**Find out  
who wins  
the big  
game.**

## Interview with staff Mr. Brown

What is your means of bringing money into your home?

"I work at snowden cottage" said Mr. Brown; he says that this program is for young males who get adjudicated by the judge of a courthouse.

What is your job description @ snowden?

Brown say that he is a YRC, which provides safety for

residents and makes sure that the work setting is a good place to be at.

Do you think you are a positive role model and the children at snowden can learn something constructive from you?

Yes, I think these young men need someone to direct them in a good passage. I'll give these young men something to carry and use in the real world.

What would you change about this

program?

I would change the fact that these kids wake up feeling like they are incarcerated, like they are not a human being. Some people feel as if they can't amount to anything and that's not the case at all. Many of these young people are good kids; they just need something to focus on.

Do the kids @ snowden cottage have positive attitudes and get well along w/ others?

Sometimes, when they want to they could have halos over their heads but for the most part they're pretty okay.

# WORD SEARCH

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Snowden News

Travis told us today at Snowden Cottage that his discharge date is coming up very soon. I asked him does he think that he will come back or go to Ferris? He says that he will not come back in the system at all. He says that he has learned his lesson.

I also interviewed Kemonte. He has been a positive peer and says that he will stay one until his discharge date, which is very soon. He also said that he will try his best to stay out of the system and never commit a crime that will send him back to a place like NCCDC, Stevenson House, or Ferris.

I hope that these two teenagers keep their word and stay out of trouble.

1. William
2. Bruce
3. Chase
4. Travis
5. Shiles
6. Jerry
7. Marquan
8. Watson
9. Lampkins
10. Jerread